

REMARKS

Claims 1-62 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1-36, 38-49, 51-54 and 59-62 stand rejected. The applicant notes the Office has indicated allowable subject matter in Claims 37, 50 and 55-58.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

The Office has improperly rejected Claims 1-3, 8-10, 21-28, 30, 38-41, 43 and 59-62 as being unpatentable over Zendle in view of Sinha.

The Office has acknowledged that “Zendle fails to explicitly disclose a redundant communication link between the remote communication link interfaces of the hub and each node”. The applicant also notes that Zendle does not disclose a redundant communication link interface, nor does the Office suggest it does.

The Office incorrectly relies on Sinha to correct this deficiency.

The Office states that the “back up antenna” of Sinha serves as a redundant communication link; however the redundant communication link as defined in the claim requires “a redundant communication link is established between the remote communication link interface at the node and the redundant communication link interface at the hub”. Sinha does not disclose the “back up antenna” establishes a

redundant communication link with a redundant communication link interface of the hub.

Therefore, Sinha and Zendle alone or in combination do not disclose a redundant communication link interface at the hub, do not disclose a redundant communication link between the redundant communication link interface at the hub and a redundant communication link at the interface. Therefore the Offices rejection of Claims 1, 25 and 38, which require these elements, is improper and must be withdrawn.

Claims 2-3, 8-10, 21-24, 26-28, 30, 39-41, 43 and 59-62 depend from Claims 1, 25 and 38 and thus are patentable over the cited art without recourse to the additional patentable subject matter recited therein.

The Office improperly rejected Claims 4-7 as being unpatentable over Zendle and Sinha as applied to Claim 1 and further in view of Stanwood et al.

The Office's addition of Stanwood does nothing to obviate the deficiencies of Zendle and Sinha as discussed previously. Therefore the rejection of Claims 4-7 is improper and must be withdrawn.

The Office improperly rejected Claims 11-20, 29, 31-36, 42, 44-49, 51-54 as being unpatentable over Zendle and Sinha as applied to Claim 10 above and further in view of Carney.

The Office addition of Carney does nothing to obviate the deficiencies of Zendle and Sinha as discussed previously. Therefore, the rejections of Claims 11-20, 29, 31-36, 42, 44-49, 51-54 are improper and must be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

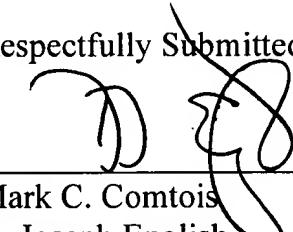
Sinha does not show, teach or suggest a redundant communication link between a redundant communication link interface at the hub and a redundant communication link interface at the remote. The Office has acknowledged the Zendle does not show the same and thus the combination of Zendle and Sinha cannot meet all the limitations of independent Claims 1, 25 and 38 and thus the rejections are improper and must be withdrawn.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephonic or in-person interview would advance the prosecution of the Application.

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Although a fee is not deemed necessary, the Office is hereby requested and authorized to charge any fee required to enter the instant amendment against Deposit Account No. **04-1679** to Duane Morris LLP.

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